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SUBJ: ALGERIAN INTEREST IN KISSINGER BUSINESS WEEK

INTERVIEW

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1. DURING ACTING CHARGE'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS ABERKANE JANUARY 4 TO DISCUSS CODELS, ABERKANE SAID HE WAS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO READ FULL ORIGINAL TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW. AS IT WAS BEING REPORTED FROM FRANCE, AND POSSIBLY OUT OF CONTEXT, HE SAID, IT APPEARED TO CONFIRM ALGERIAN CONCERNS WHICH HE HAD RAISED WITH US JANUARY 2 (REFTEL). HE ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL BENHABYLES HAD ALREADY ASKED HIM FOR FULL TEXT AND HE HOPED WE COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. ACTING CHARGE PLANS TO GIVE HIM WIRELESS FILE EXCERPTS AND CLARIFICATION STATEMENT (AF-43) AND UNDERTOOK TO FURNISH FULL TEXT IN DUE COURSE.

3. RADIO ALGIERS IN FRENCH GIVING HEAVY PLAY TO KISSINGER BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHTING STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT IN EVENT OF ANOTHER OIL BLOCKADE PLACING EUROPE IN A DESPERATE POSITION, U.S. WOULD CONSIDER MILITARY INTERVENTION.

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